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<u>Visitors May Encounter Delays on Hog Park Road in September</u>

(Saratoga, WY. – September 4, 2012) – Forest visitors traveling on the Hog Park Road (Forest Road 550) may encounter delays during the month of September as a result of hazard tree clearing.

Work will affect both sides of the road for about 0.6 miles between mile post 0.8 and 1.4, while a private land owner works to remove hazard trees from the section of road that runs through their property. The work area is north of the Green Mountain Falls Trailhead at the North Fork of the Encampment River crossing.

Work will be conducted Tuesdays through Thursdays with no impacts anticipated during weekends. The road will not be closed while work is being completed, however delays up to 30 minutes may be possible. Motorists should be aware of safety signing and flaggers directing them to stop and wait while trees are felled or loaded.

Travelers are advised that logging equipment may be operating close to the roadway in this area. Additionally, visitors should be aware of and expect to encounter log trucks on Forest Road 550 and Highway 70.

Permitted operations require the road be left suitable for travel while work is being completed; however, motorists should be aware that there may be small logging debris on the road in this area.

If operations go as planned, work should be complete before rifle seasons begin, but visitors are encouraged to call the Brush Creek-Hayden Ranger District at (307) 326-5258 for current conditions.

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